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THE OBSERVATOR.

On the Radnor *Addreſs, and the Act of the* 12th *of* Car. 2d, *That Act, as the Faction underſtand it is not the Meaſure of our Obedience, nor of Her Majeſty's Authority and Power, neither according to our Ancient nor Preſent Laws. On the Rebellious Mobs in* Ireland, *and defacing King* William's *Statue there, incouraged by our Mobs and Addreſſes here. A High-flying Sermon at St.* Clement's *laſt* Sunday. *Verſes on Dr.* Sacheverell.

From Saturday, July 1, to Wedneſday, July 5. 1710.

Countrym. I Obſerve, Maſter, that in the Addreſs from the County of *Radnor*, in *South-Wales*, the Addreſſers acknowledge Her Majeſties Power and Authority over us, as expreſſed and declared in a Statute made in the 12th Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, of Ever-bleſſed Memory: Pray, Maſter, what Statute is that?

Obſ. Since the Gentlemen have not thought fit to name it, *Roger*, I can only tell you by Conjecture: There are but Two Statutes in that Year, to which, I think, they can refer: The Firſt is *Cap* 14th, *that appoints the* 29*th of* May *to be a Thankſgiving, for reſtoring the King to his Undoubted, Hereditary, Sovereign, Regal Authority*, which the Whigs were ſo far from controverting, that the Presbyterians did always own it, and had the Chief Hand in reſtoring that Prince, as he own'd himſelf in the Houſe of Lords; therefore this cann't be the Act wherein the High-Church and the Whigs differ. The Second is the 30th of that ſame Year, which *attaints ſeveral Perſons guilty of the Horrid Murther of His late Sacred Majeſty King* Charles *the Firſt*; and if this be the Thing meant, 'tis an Injurious Reflection upon the Whigs, for the Presbyterians in all the Three Nations, who had then the moſt Conſiderable Intereſt in *Britain* and *Ireland*, oppoſed the Trial and Murder of the King, to the utmoſt of their Power; nor can it be charged upon any one Denomination of thoſe Men call'd Diſſenters, but only *upon the Rage of a Few Miſcreants*, (as 'tis ſaid in that Act,) *who were as far from being True Proteſtants, as from being True Subjects*; but having got the Army on their Side, they firſt broke up the Parliament, wherein the Presbyterians had carried it; that the King's Conceſſions were a Sufficient Ground for a Treaty; and then proceeded to Try and Murder the King by Military Force.

But I ſuppoſe, *Roger*, that by the Power and Authority which the Addreſſers own Her Majeſty to have over us according to that Act, is meant the following Clauſe, 'That by the 'Undoubted and Fundamental Laws of this 'Kingdom, neither the Peers of this Realm, nor 'the Commons, nor both together, in Parliament, nor out of Parliament, nor the People 'collectively or repreſentatively, nor any other 'Perſons whatſoever, ever had, have or ought 'to have, any Coercive Power over the Perſons 'of the Kings of this Realm. Now if by this it be meant, that they have no Coercive Power over a King governing according to Law, the Whigs agree to it in the full Extent and Natural Signification of the Words; but if it be meant of a King that ſubverts, or attempts to ſubvert, the Conſtitution of the Kingdom, they diſſent from it, and ſay, that 'tis contrary to plain Fact, as well as to our preſent Laws. That 'tis contrary to Fact, is evident from this, that when the Great Charter was agreed upon, as the Fundamental Law of our Conſtitution, and the *Pacta Conventa* betwixt King and People, Dr. *Brady*, an Hiſtorian of the Factions own Stamp, informs us in his *Compleat Hiſtory of England*, *p.* 498 'That for the further Eſtabliſh-'ment of thoſe Charters, and the greater Security of the Barons, the King yeilded that they 'ſhould chuſe 25 Barons to cauſe the Peace, 'and Liberties he had granted, to be obſerved, 'and that with the Community of the whole 'Land; if he or his Juſticiary broke any of the 'Articles, they ſhould *force them to keep the Articles*, by taking their Caſtles, Lands or Poſſeſſions, or any otherways they could, until they 'gave Satisfaction according to their Judg-'ment, ſaving the Perſon of himſelf, Queen 'and Children; and whoever would ſwear to 'obey the Barons in the Execution of theſe 'Things, might, nay, that he would command 'them to do it; and the better to enable them to do this, the Four Governours of the Caſtles 'of *Northampton*, *Kennelworth*, *Nottingham* and 'Scarborough, ſhould be ſworn to the 25 Barons, 'to do with thoſe Caſtles what they, or the 'greateſt Part of them, commanded. This 'King *John* and the Barons ſwore to in the 'Meadow between *Stanes* and *Windſor* the 15th 'of *June*, the 17th Year of his Reign, and the 'Barons ſwore by the King's Order, that in e-'very Inſtance they would obey their Orders 'and Directions, and compel the King, if per-'chance he ſhould repent him of theſe Things.

Matthew Paris, and other Hiſtorians, tell us, that thoſe Charters were claim'd as the Laws of King *Edward*; and then, 1ſt, has this Remarkable Clauſe in his Charter. *I reſtore you the Laws of King* Edward, *with thoſe Amendments that were made by my Father.* The Mirror of Juſtices, *Cap.* 1. *Sect.* 2. gives us an Account, *that our* Saxon *Anceſtors choſe themſelves one King to reign over them, and made him ſwear to govern his People by Law, and that he ſhould be obedient to ſuffer Right as well as the People.* I muſt alſo tell you, that the great Charter, which the King was thus to be compell'd to obſerve, was appointed to be read by ſeveral Statutes in all the Churches of *England*, from Age to Age, as the Fundamental Law of the Land; all which ſufficiently prove, that if the 12th of *Car.* 2. *Cap.* 30. mean as the Faction would have it, 'tis contrary to Fact, and our Ancient Conſtitution; and if it be the Meaſure of our preſent Obedience in the Senſe of the Party, they ſet up another Title and Power than what is aſſerted by the Declaration of Rights, and the Act which abſolves us from Allegiance to any King or Queen, that is a Papiſt, marries a Papiſt,

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or turns Papiſt; and if this be not Treaſon let the Learned in the Law determine.

Countrym. Here are ſome Letters with Rhimes upon Dr. *Sacheverell*, the Arch-Incendiary and Tool of the Party, which the Gentlemen that ſent them deſire you may communicate to the Publick; for 'tis not worth while to be always ſerious with the Trifling Faction. The Firſt is upon the *Doctor's Eye-water*, that has been cry'd about the Streets, and is thus.

Here is to be ſold the True Water of Light,
To open your Eyes, and to quicken your Sight;
Sacheverell's the Fountain from whence it does (flow.
And diſcovers to whom our Allegiance we owe.
If you are not beſotted, 'tis plain by his Sermons,
That you ought to be paſſive to the Prince of (St. *Germains*;
Tho' you have been decoy'd by the damn'd (Revolution,
To ſubmit to the Whigs, and their Old Con (ſtitution,
Yet I hope now the Doctor has ſhew'd you your (Crime.
That for Hereditaty Right you'll appear while ('tis Time,
To atone for the Sins of your former Reſiſtance,
Or elſe you'll be damn'd without Help or Aſ- (ſiſtance:
For the Great *B. B*——*l*, if you'll go, to his School,
Has prov'd that a W——n deſerves not to rule;
Away with Falſe Brethren, and Falſe Sifters too,
To the Devil and his Angels, with the Schiſma- (tick Crew,
To ſee their Friend *William*, whoſe Reward was (Old *Sorrel*.
Ought to have been *Dewitted*, but not crown'd (with Lawrel.
Then Old Mother Church will again be reſtor'd,
And being quite out of Danger, by all be ador'd.

Obſ. 'Tis a pretty Sing Song enough, *Roger*, and fully ſpeaks the Senſe of the Faction. Our Tory Addreſſers do all of 'em damn King *William* as an Uſurper by their Hereditary Right, therefore we are not to wonder at the Inſolence of the *Iriſh* Papiſts, who met above 40000 together at St. *John's-Well* in the County of *Meath*, during the Time of the late Invaſion, as the *Daily Courant* informs us; and that now above 10000 of 'em are aſſembling together, which, with the Inſolence of other diſaffected Perſons, has ſo far alarm'd the *Iriſh* Houſe of Commons, that they have addreſſed the Lord Lieutenant to be more than ordinary watchful over the Papiſts at this Critical Juncture; upon which his Excellency has order'd the Sheriff of *Meath* to take Two Troops of Horſe to diſperſe thoſe Rebellious Mobs. It appear'd by the Senſe of the Houſe, during the Debate, what the Cauſes are that have put the Papiſts in Motion at this Time; and, all Things conſider'd, that Rebellious Meeting ſeems to have another Motive than meer Superſtition; for the *Sunday* before King *William*'s Statue, on the *Colledge-Green*, was defaced, the Truncheon wrench'd out of his Hand, and carried away; and as the *Poſt-Boy* ſays, ſome of his Fingers bruis'd the Sword bent by his Side, a Rope put about the Neck of the Statue, and a Sir-reverence left on the Back of the Horſe; this has occaſioned a Proclamation, offering 100 *l.* Reward, and Pardon to any one concern'd if they make a Diſcovery; and the City of *Dublin* has promis'd a Reward of 50 *l.* more. Theſe Things, together with the Ejectments brought by the Heirs of Perſons attainted for the Rebellion of 1641, as they did in the Year 1688, do very much ſurprize all Proteſtants there.

Countrym. 'Tis no Wonder to me, Maſter; for ſince Papiſts and Nonjurors did actually raiſe a Rebellion in *London*; and ſince the Condemn'd Criminal, for whoſe Sake they rebell'd, makes his Seditious Parades thro' the Nation with Impunity hitherto; and ſince the Tories by their Addreſſes fly in the Face of the Queen and Parliament, and every Day aſſert the ſame Rebellious Doctrines for which *Sacheverell* was Condemn'd; can any Man wonder that the Papiſts and Nonjurors in *Ireland* ſhould write after the Copy of their Brethren in *England*, who boaſt ſo much of their Succeſs, and are ſupported in their Inſults upon the Government from the Pulpit; for no longer ago than *Sunday* laſt one *Stanhope* preach'd at St. *Clements*, and in *Sacheverell*'s Stile damn'd all Diſſenters and Moderate Churchmen for Schiſmaticks, to the great Scandal, not only of all Sober Men, but even of ſome of his own Party, who own'd he was too Warm. I think, Maſter, the Society who promote that Monthly Lecture are very much to blame for getting ſuch Uncharitable and Seditious Men to preach, and diſſeminate their Poiſon thro' all the Corners of the City from whence People come to hear thoſe Lectures. I am ſure this is not the Way to advance that Charity and Union, which Her Majeſty recommended to Her Subjects from the Throne in Her laſt Speech. The Influence that *Sacheverell* has had in thoſe Matters makes me to think that the following Anagram and Lines upon him, ſent us by a Gentleman, are not unfit to be publiſh'd.

Henry Sacheverell,
Envy reſearch Hell.

Envy ſearch Hell, and ſee if thou canſt find
Any Infernal Politicks behind;
Summon the Furies, that inſtead of Senſe
They may ſupply thee ſtill with Impudence;
Then with a Courage bold, and free from Fear,
Preach up thoſe Doctrines you yourſelf cann't bear.

But enough of this, Maſter; we muſt talk at large of the *Shrewsbury* Addreſs, and of the Methods us'd to procure Mobs to attend that Incendiary in thoſe Parts in our next.

N. B. In our laſt, Col. 4. towards the Cloſe, read, *A Moral Incapacity.*

Advertiſement.

To all Ingenious Queriſts.

THere is already publiſh'd of the Second Volume of Dunton's Oracle, Numb. 1, 2, 3, 4. containing, 1. The Healing Poſt: Or, An Expedient for a General Conformity. 2. The Sick Poſt: Or, Diverting Phyſick for every Diſeaſe incident to the Soul and Body, being a Project to render all Doctors and Apothecaries uſeleſs. 3. The Poet in Love: Or, The Courting Poſt, being a Satyr on his firſt Miſtreſs. 4 The Sylit Poſt: Or, Ideal Kingdom continu'd; the Colony planted in this Number, being Ridiculous Fancy, the Colony of Fine Fancy, Curious Fancy, Noble Fancy, and New Fancy, being publiſh'd in the Firſt Volume. Yeſterday was publiſh'd, The Ogling Poſt: Or, News for the Bachelors, with a Map of Cupid's Dominions. And next Saturday will be publiſh'd, The Proverbial Poſt: Or, A Poetical Deſcant upon Engliſh Proverbs, a Work never attempted before in Verſe, to be continued Weekly by a Society of Poets, which Six Poſts are Six of thoſe 3000 that are publiſh'd every Tueſday and Saturday to furniſh out Dunton's Oracle, till 'tis made a Univerſal Entertainment. To each Poſt is added, The Caſuiſtical Poſt: Or, Athenian Mercury, reſolving all Nice and Curious Queſtions. Price One Peny, and will be continued at that Price at the Requeſt of ſeveral Queriſts that ſend 'em by the General-poſt. Sold by J. Morphew, near Stationers-hall, where the Firſt Volume, with a General Title, Preface, and Index, may be had in few Days.

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